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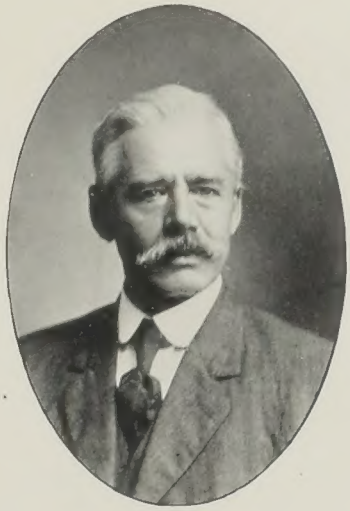

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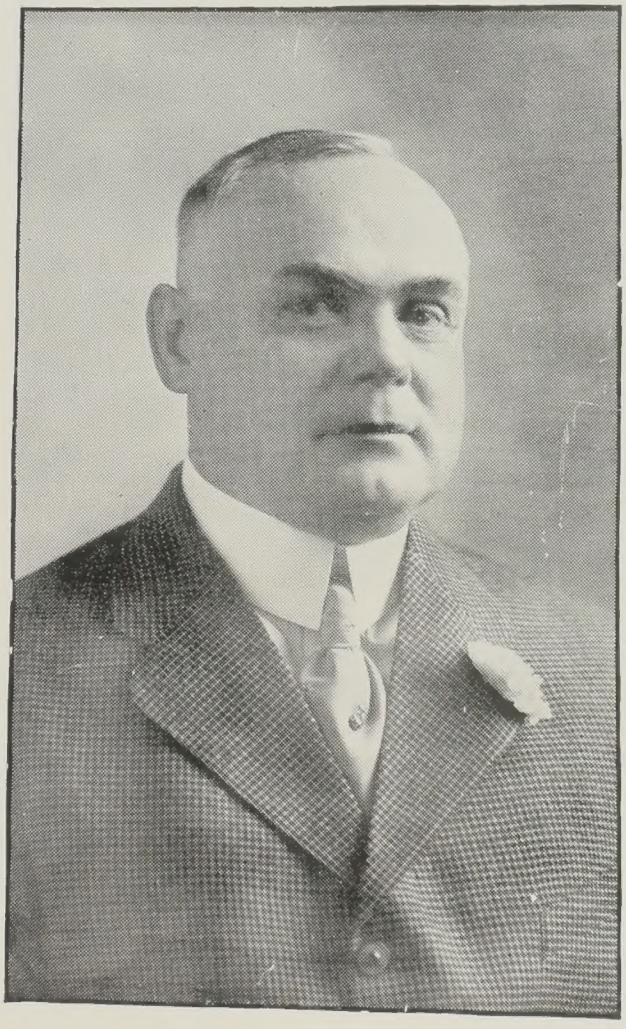

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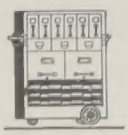
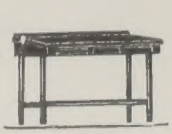
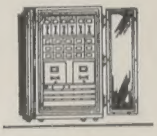

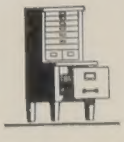

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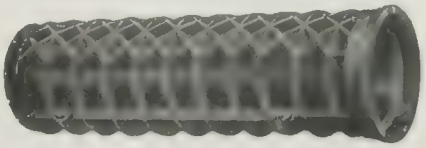

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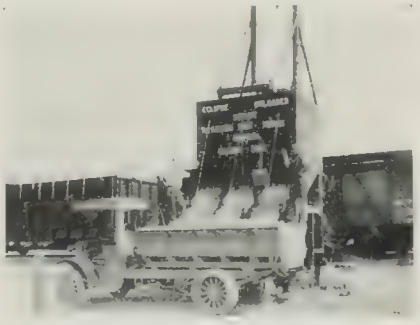

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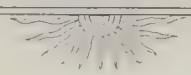

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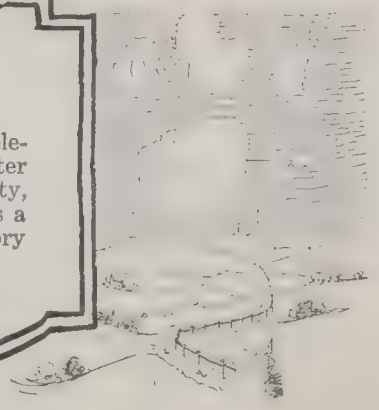

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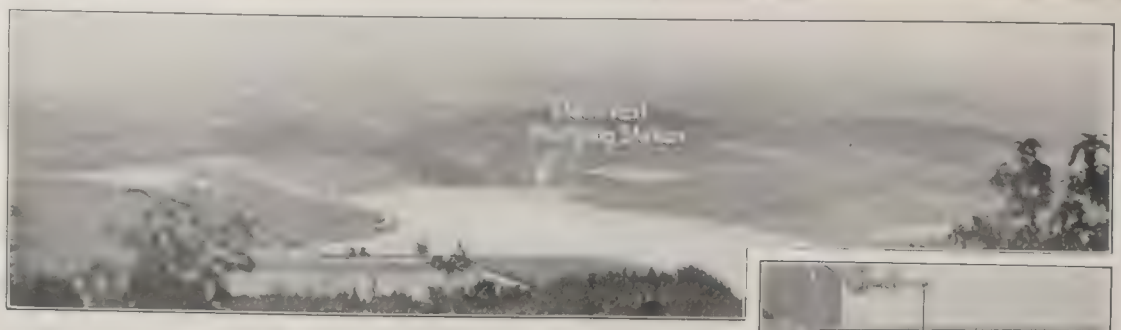

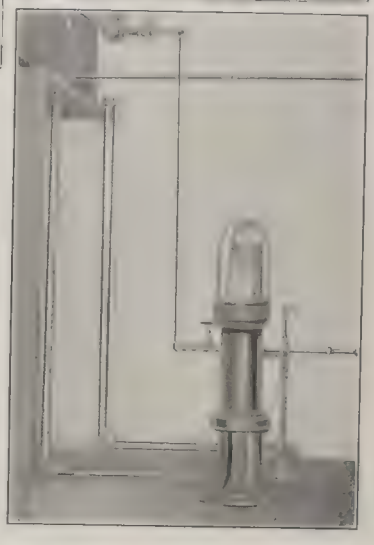

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Tuesday, July 10th, 1917

2 P. M.

Address of Welcome—
Hon. H. O. Bechtel, President Judge of the Courts of Schuylkill County.

Responses—
E. D. Siegrist, Solicitor, Lebanon County.
W. H. Jack, Commissioner, Armstrong County.

Key to City of Pottsville—
F. Pierce Mortimer, Mayor.

"Road Building"—
Frank B. Black, State Highway Commissioner.
Roy A. Hatfield, Commissioner, Montgomery County.

General Discussion.

4:15 P. M.

Automobile Trip to New Insane Hospital and County Buildings.

7:30 P. M.

CONCERT—POTTSVILLE BAND.

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PROGRAM—Continued

Wednesday, July 11th, 1917

9:30 A. M.

"Should Counties Maintain Their Own Insane?"—
M. J. McLaughlin, Commissioner, Luzerne County.
W. H. Lewis, Trustee, New Insane Hospital of Schuylkill County.

"How Counties Can Develop Forestry"—
Ira C. Williams, State Forestry Department.

"The Commonwealth's Relation to County Affairs"—
Christian W. Myers, Auditor-General's Department.

General Discussion.

2 P. M.

"County Bridges in Relation to State Water Commission"—
Robert S. Zerbey, Chairman State Water Supply Commission.

"Have County Commissioners any authority to make a reduction on the assessment of coal lands where the claim is made that no coal exists under certain portions of the land assessed?"—
Samuel H. McCain, Solicitor, Armstrong County.

"The County Commissioners' Relations to the Present War"—
Lewis W. Sadler, Jr., Carlisle.

General Discussion.

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1:15 P. M.

Automobile Trip to State Hospital and Country Club, Fountain Springs.

Supper at Country Club.

CONCERT—POTTSVILLE BAND

Thursday, July 12th, 1917

9:30 A. M.

Address—

Hon. Charles A. Snyder, Auditor-General.

"Should Long-Term Prisoners be Confined in County Prisons?"—
Richard Reamer, Commissioner, Westmoreland County.
David F. McGee, Commissioner, Lancaster County.
Linn V. Phillips, Solicitor, Fayette County.
John Von Bergen, Commissioner, Lackawanna County.

"New Legislation as it Affects County Commissioners"—
Guy Thorne, Solicitor, Mercer County.

Reports of Committees.

Miscellaneous Business.

Election of Officers.

Adjournment.

2 P. M.

Automobile Trip to Mines.

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Pottsville, the county-seat of Schuylkill County, and in which you are now being entertained, is a city of the third class, operating under the Clark Act. The city is industrial in character, and lies between the Sharp and Broad Mountain Ranges, upon the Schuylkill River. It was founded in 1806 by John Pott, after whom it was named, and by whom it was actually made a frontier village. The city to-day shelters over 25,000 inhabitants, and is a model community in many respects. Its chief claim to fame lies in the fact that nearly 65 per cent. of the output of anthracite coal is handled through its corporation centres, and its industries consist of the Eastern Steel Mill, Tilt Silk Mill, P. & R. C. & I. Co. Shops, and a score of textile and manufacturing industries. Its first mayor, whose term expires this year, is a scion of one of the oldest and most prominent families in the city, and his associates in the City Council are Geo. W. Jungkurth, merchant; Dr. J. Oren Bearsteler, D. D. S.; H. S. Davies, former Chief of Police, and J. B. Schoen, merchant. Other officials of the city are E. P. Leuschner, Solicitor; F. W. Leib, City Treasurer; J. H. Strauch, Engineer; J. W. Hoepstine, Chief of Police; Isaac Jones, Supervisor; Harry Portz, Controller, and W. I. Stevenson, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

Pottsville has a military record unsurpassed by any town in the country. The First Defenders left Pottsville in answer to President Lincoln's call for volunteers in the Civil War, and with three organized companies and nearly two hundred men enlisted in regular and volunteer units in the present war cannot be excelled in its display of patriotism by any city or town in the country. Of this record, and the city's industrial achievements, the citizens of the city may well feel justly proud.

Pottsville has 11 miles of streets; about three miles of paved streets; 20 miles of underground sewage; 23 churches; a fine hospital; a children's home; a mission, and benevolent and fraternal orders of every character. It is an ideal place to live, and extends a welcome to the stranger not to be found in many cities.

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The Story of Schuylkill County

Pursuant to the passage of an Act of Assembly, at Harrisburg, on March 18, 1811, Schuylkill County was created from the territory embracing the northern part of Berks and the southern part of Northampton. The Act was approved by Governor Snyder, and designated the boundaries of the new county as follows:

> "That all that part of Berks County within the limits of the following townships, Brunswick, Schuylkill, Manheim Norwegian, Upper and Lower Mahantongos, and Pinegrove Townships in Berks County, and West Penn and Rush Townships in Northampton County, be erected into a county, henceforth to be called Schuylkill."

By an Act passed March 3, 1818, the following territory was annexed to Schuylkill County as Union Township:

> "All that part of Luzerne and Columbia Counties lying within the following lines, viz: Beginning at a corner in the line dividing the county of Columbia from the county of Schuylkill; thence extending through the township of Catawissa, north ten degrees, east four miles and a half to a pine tree on the Little Mount; thence extending through the townships of Catawissa and Mifflin, north forty-five degrees, east five miles to a stone on Bucks Mount, and in a line dividing the county of Columbia from the county of Luzerne; thence through the township of Sugar Loaf, in the county of Luzerne, south seventy degrees, east eight miles, to the line between the county of Schuylkill and the county of Luzerne; thence along the said line and the line between the county of Columbia and the county of Schuylkill to the place of beginning."

The Act directed that the courts be held at the house of Abram Reiffsnyder, in Brunswick Township, until a court house was erected. The first court was subsequently held in the east room of this house on the third Monday of December, 1811. Judge Porter presided, with George Rausch and Daniel Yost as associate justices.

In order that the location of a county-seat might be chosen a commission consisting of J. Andrew Schultz, Daniel Montgomery and a Mr. Clark was appointed, and with McKeansburg, Schuylkill Haven and Orwigsburg as rival communities contesting for the honor, the matter was finally decided in favor of the latter town, and the court house was erected there. The building still stands, preserved in good condition, and used for industrial purposes.

County-Seat Located Here.

As the result of a common plea that the county-seat be more centrally located, Pottsville was later chosen as the seat of government. The second court house was erected here in 1851, which in 1889 was supplanted by the handsome new and present structure, which at that time had no superior in the Commonwealth, save in Philadelphia and Allegheny Counties, and which to-day still suffices, although taxed at times to meet the exigencies of a large attendance at the court sessions, and the legal business of a growing and thrifty community.

During the period in which Orwigsburg remained the county-seat the President Judges, who were the recognized administrative heads of the government, then as now, were appointed, the incumbents of this important office being Robert Porter, Samuel D. Franks, Calvin Blythe, James M. Porter, Anson V. Parsons, N. B. Eldred and Luther Kidder. In 1850, the first elective Judge, Charles W. Hegins, took his seat, but died shortly afterward, being succeeded by E. O. Parry. H. S. Souther was next appointed and served until 1871, when Thomas H. Walker was elected, and D. B. Green became Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Cyrus L. Pershing was elected President Judge in 1872, and O. P. Bechtel second additional law Judge in 1877. Four years later David B. Green became additional law Judge, but died in 1892, and Mason Weidman was appointed to succeed him. Oliver P. Bechtel was re-elected in 1887, and again in 1897, serving continuously thirty years in the service of the people. At his retirement nearly ten years ago, he was succeeded by his son, Hon. H. O. Bechtel, who is now the President Judge of the courts, his Associate Judges being the Hon. Richard H. Koch and Hon. C. T. Berger, succeeding the late Charles N. Brumm, who died suddenly in January of the present year, after serving six years upon the bench. Mr. Berger was appointed by Governor Brumbaugh on June 16 last, and took his oath as Judge on July 2nd.

County is Rich in Anthracite.

Schuylkill has a population of about 225,000, and is twentieth in order of size, forty-fifth in order of age, and tenth in point of wealth, among the sixty-seven counties of the Commonwealth. It has an area of 840 square miles, its average length being 30 miles and its average width 24½ miles. Schuylkill County is one of the richest areas of its size in the world, the wealth of the community being due to the extensive deposits of almost pure anthracite coal, which will constitute an important part of the fuel supply of the country in years to come. Unlike the other anthracite counties, the coal beds of Schuylkill lie far beneath the surface of the earth, in most instances, and it is due to this fact that millions of tons of pure high-grade fuel have been left untouched to be developed in later years. This condition is responsible for the promising future held out to Pottsville, the county-seat, located above deposits of coal, the value of which can only be estimated. The Shenandoah fields and the Mahanoy Valley are alike productive of millions of tons of coal per annum, while the western end of the county also sends to market millions of tons of the purest and hardest anthracite, fuel that exceeds any other in market value and heat production.

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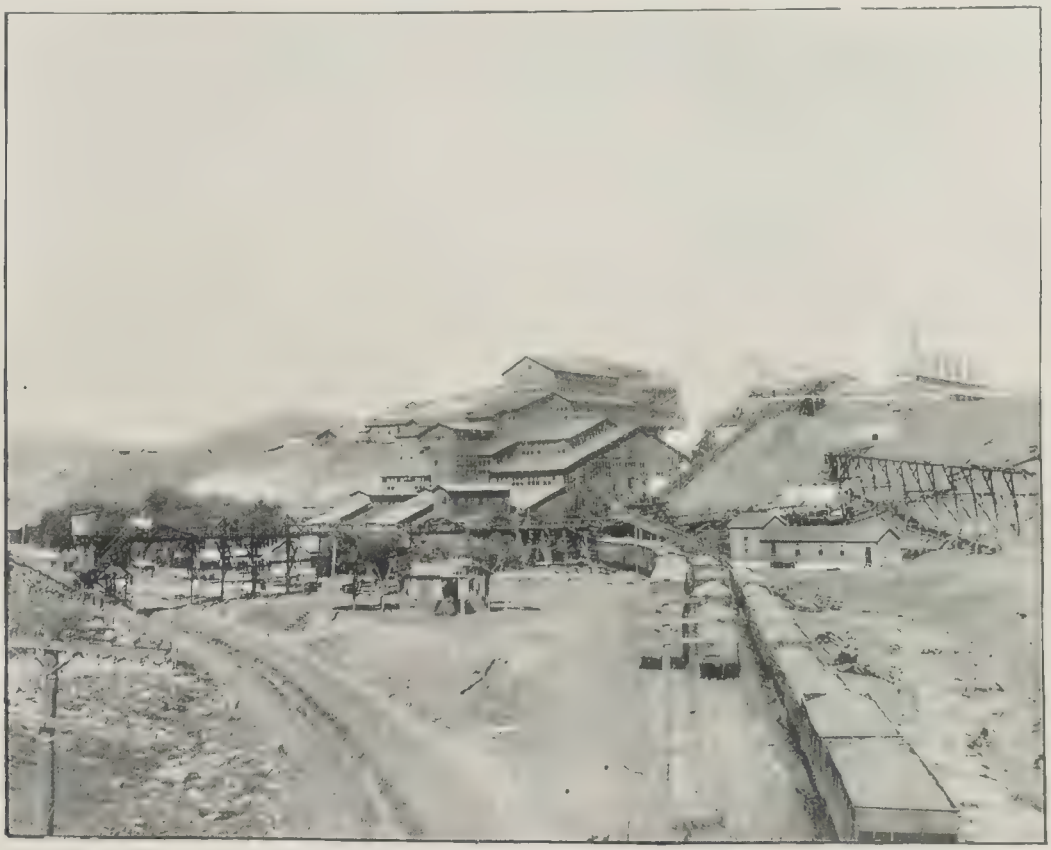
manner of operations, among them the stripping, by which the earth is removed from an exposed coal seam, and the valuable fuel removed from the thick deposits. Mines abandoned in early years, when the superficial or "rabbit-hole" system of mining was the general and only means of securing the black diamonds, have in later years by stripping methods yielded immense profits to their operators. The shaft or hoisting method, however, is the general modus operandi now in use, and there are about 50 operations within the county, each of which produces sufficient coal per day to keep a fair-sized city in heat, power and fuel. The mountains of culm, to be found near large operations, are mute evidences of the almost incalculable volumes of coal which have been taken from the soil beneath these hills.



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Early Settlers of the County.

Long before the county was established, the territory which was then a part of Berks County was inhabited by pioneer settlers, some of whom were murdered by Indians. One of the terrible massacres occurred along the Blue Mountain in 1761, and in order to protect themselves from future depredations the settlers constructed a line or chain of forts at distances of twenty miles apart. Two of these forts, Franklin and Lebanon, were north of the mountain, and were located in what afterward became Schuylkill County.

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The former was on the Lizard Creek, and the latter was on the Schuylkill River below Pottsville. The first depredation noted by historians took place in October, 1755, during which year the Indians raided the Schuylkill Valley. They visited the house of Frederich Reichersdorfer in West Brunswick Township, and shot two of his children and burned all of his property. They then proceeded to Jacob Gerhart's, where they shot one man, two women and six children. In March of the following year, another raid upon the citizens of this township took place, and the Indians ambuscaded a rescuing party and shot four people. The third and last raid upon the citizens of the township was made in November of that year. The marauding band murdered Adam Trump and carried off his wife and daughter; and also the wife and three children of Adam Burns. In the next year, the white settlers abandoned the township and retreated into Berks, to remain there until after the French and Indian War. During this conflict the ravages of the Indians were confined to the east and northern sections of the county, but during the Revolutionary War Indians gave the settlers trouble on both sides of the Schuylkill River.

In 1780 John Neiman and his three children were murdered near the lower limits of Pottsville, and their bodies were interred upon the site of the present Pottsville Hospital. In the western end of the county, several battles were fought between the settlers and the Indians during the same year.

Indian settlements can be definitely traced at several points in the county, notably at Swatara, where caves, the walls of which bear inscriptions in sign language, were told of among the early settlers, and at the Indian Run Spring, west of Pottsville, where bands of Indians visited as late as 1830. A permanent Indian village is known to have existed below Schuylkill Haven, where traces of the habitations of the tribe are still to be found upon the Peale and Filbert farms. For the privilege of occupying these farms, which they tilled in the midst of the Indian settlement, George and Michael Deibert agreed to pay the redskins one-quarter of every deer they killed during their hunting expeditions. Under these terms they held the land for five years before the Indian purchase.

At New Ringgold and McKeansburg, on the Little Schuylkill, another well-authenticated Indian settlement existed when the white settlers first reached that territory Here the natives were engaged in hunting and crude farming for a living, the women being adepts at raising and harvesting maize. In the winter, they would weave baskets which they stained with the juices of woods or with different colored clays, and these they would sell in the white settlements across the Blue Ridge, even going beyond Reading to carry on this trade.

Nearly all, if not all, the Indians who inhabited this region were members of the Delaware, or Lenni Lenape Tribe, and constituted a part of the powerful union known as the Five Nations, the councils of which ruled this section of Pennsylvania, and carried on all negotiations with the whites.

The first transient or pioneer settlers were Lewis Evans and his corps of surveyors who came to this region in 1719. They came to the headwaters of the Schuylkill River to make a map of that section, so that the deed of Indian purchase could be completed. At this time there were no known roads leading into the confines of the present county, and so far as was known at that time, no other visitors had ever explored the river. Nicholas Scull and his corps of surveyors were next to visit the region. They came here for this same purpose in 1759, and were followed by William Scull and his engineering corps in 1769. The King's Highway was next laid out by engineers in 1770, and from that time on settlers multiplied, as the lumber trade was becoming important among the State's industries, and saw mills were being erected along the streams tributary to the Schuylkill, where lumber was cut, finished and flooded to the towns of Reading and Philadelphia, when the rivers were high during the spring freshets.

First Forges Constructed.

Some ten or fifteen years after the lumbering business was fairly launched, several enterprising citizens turned their attention to the manufacture of iron, and the first forge was constructed near Port Clinton in 1801, to be followed by a charcoal forge near Pottsville in 1802. In 1804 the Valley Furnace was erected near Silver Creek, and, in 1807, John Pott erected the forge and furnace at Pottsville, which later became the first industrial plant in the county. Shortly afterward forges were constructed at Pinegrove and Tamaqua, so that the development of the section was rapidly brought about with the dawn of the last century

Early Railroads in Operation.

The King's Highway which was constructed, some historians say, as early as 1770, to a point near Schuylkill Haven, was the means finally of opening up this section to the settlers who came into the woodlands in search of timber, while living upon the game of the wild and unsettled region. The road entered Pottsville near the site of the old furnaces on Pioneer Island; crossed Norwegian Creek near the present P. & R. Station; traversed what is now Centre Street to Fishbach, thence to Bull's Head Minersville, Mt. Pleasant, the Buckhorn Tavern, Taylorsville, Centralia and Shamokin to Sunbury. In 1810 the Centre Turnpike was opened and furnished a macadamized road from Shamokin to Philadelphia. It followed the original route only in sections, but the main thoroughfare of Pottsville, the county-seat, was part of it, as is plainly evident from the twists and turns in its course, made necessary by the grade of the road, and the location of the first taverns, which, curiously enough, were on the sites of the present hotels of this city.

The road, however, only presaged the construction of the railways which were made necessary by the early traffic in coal. In all of the adjacent valleys, railroads, some constructed of crude wooden rails, took the coal from the primitive mining operations in the surrounding country and carted it to the docks at the termini of the old Schuylkill Canal, which became a reality through an Act of Assembly passed in 1815, authorizing the construction of the canal and the dams, at Mt. Carbon, to furnish water to assist in navigation. In the spring of 1818 a freshet carried away the dams, but they were rebuilt and withstood future freshets. The canal was built to transport passengers and freight, but, when completed, was devoted almost entirely to coal traffic, which, at this time, was causing a furore throughout the country, and drawing almost as much attention as did California, Colorado and Alaska in later years.

The early railroads were constructed along primitive lines, and were dependent either upon gravity or mule power. The cars were fitted with iron wheels as early as 1828, and this was believed to be the highest traffic development to be attained, in the minds of those who resided here at that time. In 1820, when coal was first successfully used as fuel in Philadelphia, the trade increased, and capital became interested, with the result that the entire district was overrun with speculators, some of whom came here from foreign lands intent upon seeking their fortune in the coal fields, as the district was then known. Some few prospered

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for a time, but others lost, instead of making money, and left the region disappointed.

Coal was being shipped, however, to Philadelphia and New York during the early days, via the Schuylkill Canal, and capitalists who were shrewd enough to husband their resources until the excitement of the period died down, profited greatly in the end.

Railroads Become Coal Carriers.

It was not until 1842 that the first great change came over the coal industry, as the result of the practical construction of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad as a rival to the Schuylkill Navigation Company. The opening of the railway was celebrated publicly at a great dinner and ball in Pottsville on January 11th, that year. On May 21st of that year a train of fifty cars, drawn by a steam locomotive, and bearing one hundred and fifty tons of coal, left Schuylkill Haven at four o'clock in the morning and reached Philadelphia, or rather Port Richmond, upon the evening of the same day. The development of the Philadelphia and Reading system was rapid, and as early as 1846 a convention between the railway officials, the operators and the wharf owners was held at Pottsville to arrange for and carry out a plan of equitable distribution of cars, etc., so that the coal trade might be benefited and production increased.

From the advent of the railway companies into the field as coal carriers the region prospered, and when the Pennsylvania in 1886 constructed their line from Philadelphia to Pottsville, and thence over the Broad Mountain to Shenandoah, and along the crest of the same to Delano, connecting with the lines from the northeastern portion of the State, the production of coal was much accelerated in this section.

An authority states that the first railroad in the State of Pennsylvania was the road built by Abraham Pott from his mine to the headwaters of Mill Creek. It is also an indisputable fact that the network of railways which comprises the systems in the county is unequalled in any other similar territory in the United States.

War is not New to County.

"Every time we have a war
Schuylkill County's to the fore."

Even in the Revolutionary War soldiers were enrolled from among the settlers in this part of the territory, known as Berks County; and in the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, the recent Mexican embroglio, and the present war with Germany, the county furnished more than her quota of troops.

In the days of the Revolution it was said that the Dutch farmers of Berks and Lebanon were the men who made the powder which won the battle of Bunker Hill. Military bodies organized among the settlers, and known as Bucktails and Continentals, were ever active during the Indian troubles which followed through the periods of the French and Indian War, and the War of 1812, and they took an active part in the supplying of the army with men and provisions.

When the Mexican War broke out, a company went from Pottsville and were with General Scott in his triumphant march to the Mexican capital. One survivor, Col. Daniel Nagle, who was with that command, still survives and resides in Pottsville, an inspiration to the younger soldiers of to-day.

To attempt to print a roster or intelligible record of the Schuylkill countians who went with the Union Army during the Civil War would be a task requiring volumes of literary data. There were 13,000 men who participated in the battles of the Rebellion from Schuylkill County, out of a population of 90,000 souls. No county in the United States with a population such as that of Schuylkill did more for her country during these dark days; and there are few persons indeed among the native families who have not suffered deeply through the county's sacrifices, laid in blood, upon the altar of Freedom. The famous First Defenders, in whose ranks were included two companies from Pottsville, were the first to reach the National Capital in answer to President Lincoln's call for volunteers at the outbreak of the war, and the county had more Legion of Honor men than any other section of its size in the United States. Nearly every family in Schuylkill County was represented in the ranks, and it was the work of the Forty-eighth Regiment's miners who mined the Confederate lines at Petersburg that stemmed the victorious tide of rebellion and gave the victory to the Union forces. Schuylkill was represented by nearly a thousand men at Gettysburg, and had men in every important engagement in the Civil War.

During the war with Spain the county sent seven regularly organized companies, two provisional companies and hundreds of volunteers into the American Army. The county was represented in Porto Rico, in the Fourth Regiment, where a decisive battle was about to start when the conflict ended pending peace negotiations, and the record of her companies in the Eighth Pennsylvania, and a large number of boys in the Eleventh Regiment, maintained her military honor above reproach.

With the outbreak of hostilities with Mexico last June, the county sent five companies and a large number of recruits to the front. In the present war she is represented by over 500 volunteers to the regular army and navy, being the leading county in the United States for volunteers, and by four companies of infantry, two companies of engineers, and three hospital units in the United States service. A rumor of war in Schuylkill County is sufficient to cause a stampede to the colors, and a safe prediction may be made to the effect that there will not be a decisive battle fought in this world's war, in which the American Army takes a part, which will be without a representative from this county within the ranks.

County Towns and Townships.

Pottsville: A city of the third class and one of the most progressive communities in the East, with a great future before it, due to its coal trade, it being one of the principal coal centres of the world. Laid out by John Pott in 1816 or 1817, just about a century ago, and incorporated as a borough in 1828. Became a third-class city in 1914. The city is constructed upon seven hills, and its ramifications extend throughout the intervening valleys, so that a bird's-eye view could only be obtained from an exceptionally high point.

Its public buildings consist of the county court house and county prison, a modern postoffice, about to be enlarged through the efforts of Congressman R. D. Heaton; a city hall, public library, which is about to erect a new $15,000 library building; a dozen modern public schools, 23 churches, seven modern volunteer fire companies, and in addition, the offices of the P. & R. C. & I. Co. and the P. & R. Railway Co., the Penna. R. R. Co., the offices of the Sheafer Estate, Girard Estate, Thompson Building, six modern banking institutions, seven modern hotels, a large number of fine stores, and at least a dozen private residences that are the architectural equal of any in the State. The residence portion of the town is sanitary and supplied with absolutely pure water.

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POTTSVILLE'S WATER SUPPLY

Mountain spring water, of unexcelled purity and in sufficient quantity to amply meet the domestic and industrial needs of Pottsville and adjacent territory, is one of the natural advantages of this section. The mining operations have caused the pollution of all the large streams, and in every town throughout the county the supply for domestic consumption must be obtained from the smaller streams, which in many cases almost disappear in dry weather. To insure a satisfactory supply it was necessary to construct large reservoirs to conserve the excess flow of the streams in the spring of the year for use in the latter months of the year when, at times, the streams have almost disappeared.

Five reservoirs comprise the system, three of which are located on Broad Mountain: The Eisenhuth Dam, near Morea, covering 70 acres and with a capacity of 300,000,000 gallons; the Kauffman Dam, south of Frackville, covering an area of 21 acres, and having a capacity of 100,000,000 gallons, and the new Wolf Creek Dam, the latest improvement constructed by the Water Company, covering 46 acres, and with a capacity of 400,000,000 gallons. A distributing reservoir near Agricultural Park is of 5,000,000 gallons capacity, and takes care of the needs of the city during any temporary injury to the supply mains. The Indian Run Dam, although limited, at present, in capacity, will, in future, be one of the important units in the system of supply. At present the water is pumped from the Indian Run Dam to a receiving tank at the western end of Sharp Mountain, from which it is used for the supply of the western part of the city.

With daily demands upon it to the extent of over 5,000,000 gallons, the city is assured of a supply which will safely preclude any hardship from any drought such as has heretofore been experienced. The purity and sufficiency of the supply can be regarded as a practical asset for the future growth of the city and is fully appreciated by its citizens.

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Among the industries are the Eastern Steel Company's mill; the P. & R. Shops, the Tilt Silk Mill, and a large number of textile and garment factories; three breweries, the Yuengling, the Rettig and the Mellet and Nichter; not to mention the underwear and other small industries. It receives its light, heat and power from the plant of the Eastern Pennsylvania Light, Heat and Power Company's extensive plant, which is now in process of reconstruction, following its almost total destruction by fire last January.

The Henry Clay monument, located on the slope of Sharp Mountain, facing the majestic Schuylkill Valley, was erected in 1852 through the efforts of Samuel Sillyman, and was dedicated to the memory of the great statesman by appropriate exercises on July 26th of that year. It is one of the largest monuments dedicated to any statesman in the country.

In Garfield Square, at Market and Fifth Streets, stands the Soldiers' Monument, a tribute of the people of the county to the 13,000 soldiers who left Schuylkill County for the front during the Civil War, and has ever been a source of pride and patriotism among the people of the county.

Mahanoy City was settled in 1859 and became incorporated as a borough in 1863. Seven years later it passed the 5,500 mark in population and made rapid progress in its growth, owing to the coal industry. The Mahanoy City Water Company was organized in 1861, and a charter secured authorizing an issue of stock amounting to $100,000. E. S. Silliman was elected president, and Frank Carter, secretary. E. S. Silliman is at present president and superintendent. The early collieries in the region which added to the prosperity of the town were Mahanoy City Colliery, opened in 1861 by Hill and Harris; Harris, Sparr and Co.'s operation, opened in 1878; Reynolds, Roberts and Co.'s Colliery was opened in 1872; the Webster Colliery opened two years later, and the Elmwood opened in 1871. The operations in the vicinity are now controlled and operated by the Reading.

Shenandoah, the metropolis of the county, and the largest town in point of population, having about 27,500 souls, was laid out in 1862 and became a borough on January 16, 1866. The site of the town was originally owned by Peter Kehley, who constructed a log cabin near the present Lehigh Valley Station as early as 1835. Philadelphia capitalists, who purchased the land, anticipated the development of the region, and had a town plotted by P. W. Sheafer, then a civil engineer, who named the place Shenandoah City. The first building erected was the United States Hotel at Main and Centre Streets, and the town grew rapidly from that time on. The early collieries which gave Shenandoah its prosperity were Shenandoah City, 1862; Kehley Run, 1861; Plank Ridge, 1865; Kohinoor, 1868; Turkey Run, 1869; Indian Ridge, 1870, and Cambridge, 1875.

The town has a fine system of lighting, a municipal water system, a fine fire department equipped with up-to-date apparatus, and one of the finest school systems in the State. Churches are located there in profusion, and in spite of the fact that the population is largely of alien extraction, remarkably good order is maintained by the authorities.

Several times attempts have been made to establish a new county out of parts of Luzerne and Schuylkill, and Shenandoah was usually included as a part of the new venture mainly because of its population.

The Girard Estate has aided materially in developing the community spirit in Shenandoah, and recently dedicated a large tract to the city in order that the expansion necessary to the comfort of the ever-increasing population could be brought about.

Ashland is another of the old towns of the county, having been laid out as early as 1847, and chartered as a borough ten years later. Ashland is named after the Kentucky home of Henry Clay, and owes its development to the coal industry, of which there are several present large units in the system of the P. & R. Co. Ashland is well lighted and is quite a business centre, having some fine stores. The town has a fine water supply, good trolley facilities, and is supported mainly by the collieries of the section.

Tamaqua is the county's largest railway centre, being a junction point of a number of lines, and an important traffic centre upon the P. & R. Railway and the C. R. R. of N. J., also the L. & N. E., the latter having been constructed presumably as connecting link for a short line over the Pennsylvania from Harrisburg and western points to New England. The town site was settled as early as 1799 by Burkhart Moser, whose alleged title is still, at times, brought to light in the courts. The town proper was laid out in 1829 and named Tamaqua, which in the Delaware tongue means "Running Water," the site being upon the Wabash or Little Schuylkill. In 1832 the borough was incorporated, and as early as 1849 built its water works. The Greenwood Rolling Mill, in 1865; Tamaqua Shoe Factory, in 1874, and the Tamaqua Boot and Shoe Company's plant, started in 1888, were the early industries. Coal also contributed to the success of the borough, and the trade from the extensive Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's collieries in the valley to the east of the town, as far as Lansford, Coaldale and even Mauch Chunk, was largely responsible for the upbuilding of the community. The borough has good water and lighting facilities, a fine fire department, several wealthy banks and a fine residential roster, many of the present residents tracing their ancestry back to the early settlers.

Orwigsburg may be said to be one of the chief shoe manufacturing plant towns in the East, and what other towns make in the way of clothing and other products Orwigsburg contributes in the way of shoes. Orwigsburg is easily the oldest real settlement in the county, and as the county-seat was the big town of Schuylkill for many years. It was laid out in 1796, and to-day supports a dozen large shoe manufacturing industries, even the old court house building being devoted to the manufacture of footwear. The names of Brown, Albright, Zulick, Folmer, Scott, etc., have been associated with the manufacture of shoes in the borough for many years.

Minersville, one of the really prosperous towns of the county, was laid out in 1830 by Titus Bennet, and, like other county towns, is supported principally by the mining industry, although there are a number of small industries in the town. It has exceptionally good water, two banks, several fire companies modernly equipped, and a number of fine stores.

Schuylkill Haven, another manufacturing borough, is located south of Pottsville and supports a dozen large shoe, textile and box factories. These have wrought a wonderful change since the borough was incorporated in 1840, and it would be hard indeed to find a more thrifty community than Schuylkill Haven.

Port Carbon is also a manufacturing town, having been laid out about 1824 by John Pott, who founded Pottsville. In the early days of its history it was a shipping port for coal, but in recent years was made famous by the Franklin Iron Works, now the plant of the Coxe Traveling Grate Company. The former owner, Robert Allison, since deceased, purchased the first gasoline automobile sold to a purchaser in the United States, the purchase being made

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from the Winton Company. He later made several improvements upon automobiles and patented them.

Tremont is largely supported by an extensive agricultural section, and also a number of colliery operations, which are conducted by the P. & R. C. & I. Co. It was laid out in 1841 and became a borough in 1866.

St. Clair, another of the larger towns in the county, is now an important railway centre. The town was founded in 1831, and its development was normal until a decade ago when the P. & R. Railway Company prepared for the construction of a large coal yard, which has brought the town into prominence as a shipping centre for anthracite. The yard here handles all the coal hoisted over the short line via the famous Mahanoy Plane, and it is here prepared for shipment to tidewater in a yard which has over twenty miles of storage tracks and the best shipping facilities in the coal region.

Gilberton, another mining town, located at the foot of Mahanoy Plane, is essentially a coal town. It was chartered in 1873 and really consists of three towns, Mahanoy Plane, Gilberton proper, and Maizeville. The subsidence due to the removal of millions of tons of coal from beneath the town has caused a partial inundation of the lower parts of the borough, but recent engineering accomplishments have partially remedied the evil. The Madeira Hill, P. & R. operations at Stanton, Lawrence, Bear Ridge, Draper and Gilberton collieries support the town and its citizens.

Frackville, the highest point in this section of the State, was laid out by David Frack in 1852 and named after him. He opened a hotel and the town subsequently developed with the Mahanoy Plane being located at the head of that famous engineering example. The borough has lately doubled homes and population by several real estate projects, and is also becoming a manufacturing centre of note.

It is said that there existed a telephone, in actual practical operation, at the Mahanoy Plane, one station at the head and the other at the foot of the plane, long before the present Bell system was thought of. In theory, Frackville antedated the real thing, which is now, however, a welcome convenience and aid not only in the town which forecast its usefulness, Frackville, but all through the county, where there are nearly 20,000 telephones in actual operation.

The smaller towns in the county which may be termed boroughs, and in which no particular development has occurred in recent years, owing to the diverging traffic to other and larger centres are: Palo Alto, formerly a railroad centre, founded in 1851; Tower City, in the west end of the county, founded by the Towers in 1868; Auburn, or "Scotchman's Lock," a canal town of former days, founded in 1812; Port Clinton, a small railway centre at the junction of the Schuylkill and Little Schuylkill Rivers; and Pinegrove, one of the oldest and probably the wealthiest borough of its size in the State. For years the latter town has been free of debt, and has a larger amount of money at interest, per capita, than any town in the United States. New Philadelphia and Middleport, located upon the main line of the Reading, between the county-seat and Tamaqua, are also very old towns, having been laid out shortly after the settlement of the region and both are largely supported by the mining industry located in the surrounding country. New Ringgold, an agricultural centre on the Little Schuylkill, is as old as the county itself, settlers having lived there before the present county was divided from Berks. Gordon, a railway centre of recent origin, was incorporated in 1891, and named after Judge Gordon of Reading.

Schuylkill County's Officials

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County Commissioner Benjamin J. Smith, of Pottsville, Chairman of the local board: one of our best and most popular officials.

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County Commissioner Thomas J. McDonald, of Girardville, minority member of our Republican board. An all around good fellow.

Auditor-General Charles A. Snyder, of Pottsville, the county's popular official at Harrisburg, whom we expect to weigh down with greater honors in the near future. Former Representative and Senator, and County Solicitor.

Secretary of Internal Affairs Paul W. Houck, of Shenandoah, recently Chief Clerk of the Commissioners, the Commissioners' efficient secretary who looks after things in general and directs the clerical force of the office. A former member of the House.

County Chairman William S. Leib, of Pottsville, who has led the Republican county organization to victory since leaving the office of Prothonotary a few years ago. Also House Clerk at Harrisburg.

President Judge Harry Oliver Bechtel, of Pottsville, who presides over the county's efficient and now complete court. Youngest Judge in point of years to have served a full term in the State, and without present opposition for re-election this fall.

Associate Judge Richard H. Koch of Pottsville, esteemed for his commendable record during six years of service upon the bench, and an avowed exponent of the administration of justice as the law interprets it.

Judge MacHenry Wilhelm, of Pottsville, President Judge of the Orphans' Court, serving his first elective, though second, term, having been appointed to succeed the late Judge P. M. Dunn. Eminently fair in his administration of estates, and during the past few years some exceptionally large estates were administered by him without a single exception to his rulings.

Associate Judge Charles E. Berger, of Schuylkill Haven, appointed recently to succeed the late Charles N. Brumm. Elevated recently to the bench by appointment, and sworn in July 2nd, following a long and extensive legal practice. Should have been elevated to the bench before, and only consented to serve at a great financial sacrifice in the interest of the public welfare, generally expressed.

Congressman Robert D. Heaton of Ashland serving his second term at Washington as Representative of the county district; a fine fellow and capable official; popular throughout the county and charitable and self-sacrificing in every way, representing his constituents because they need him, and not because of any need or desire for emolument or reward

Representative Adam C. Schaeffer, of Mahanoy City, standby of the First District of the county, and popu-

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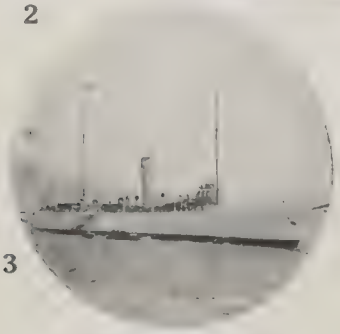

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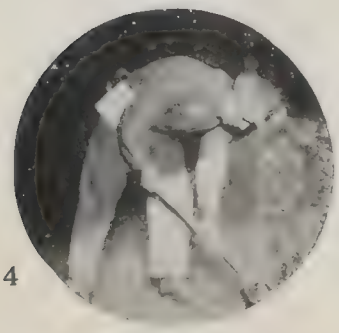

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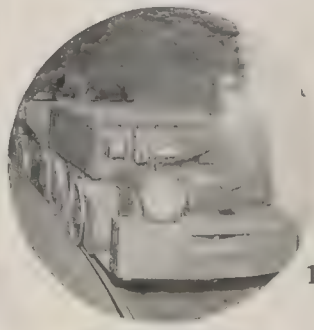

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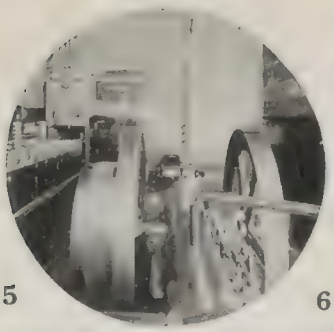

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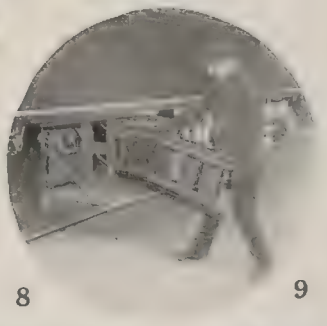

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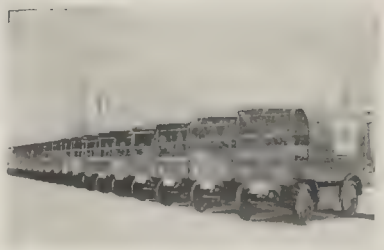

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Representative James Donnelley, of Cass, the only Democratic legislator from the county; an able exponent of the party, which is in the majority in his, the Second District.

Representative Robert J. Graeff, of Tamaqua, especially elected to succeed the late Jefferson Yost, who died following his election, in November last, as a representative from the Third District. Representative Graeff is a member of the bar and returned from military duty at the border in time to take up his legislative duties.

Representative Cyrus M. Palmer, of Pottsville, serving his second term from the Fourth District. A member of the county bar and frequently spoken of for higher honors.

Representative John E. Sones, of Pottsville, also a representative from the Fourth District; also a member of the bar, serving his second term as a legislator. A member of the county board of viewers.

Recorder Joseph F. Carr, of Frackville, elected to office two years ago by the highest majority ever accorded a county candidate. A popular and capable official with an enviable record in the official service of his home town, and a former docket clerk for the county.

Controller J. E. Kantner, of Cressona, who oversees the expenditure of the annual half million, with which the county meets expenses. Former tax clerk, and versed thoroughly in county business and affairs.

Clerk of the Courts Fred D. Freidenberger, of Tamaqua, recently elected to oversee the extensive record business of the license and criminal courts. Former member of the Legislature, and popular in all sections of the county.

County Treasurer William R. Adamson, of Mahanoy Township, merchant and business man, whose popularity was attested by an overwhelming majority two years ago. Handles the county's cash drawer with efficiency and business ability.

Prothonotary James R. Walton, of Pottsville, former warden of the prison, who abides the confidence of all who know him, and who has an enviable record as a public official.

District Attorney C. A. Whitehouse, of Pottsville, first public prosecutor to succeed himself in the history of the county, and a young man possessing a highly developed legal temperament, and recently urged to accept an appointment to the bench.

Sheriff Charles F. Ditchey, of Shenandoah, new to officialdom, but capable as a servant of the people. Now busily engaged in supervising the military draft in Schuylkill, as well as looking after the affairs of a very busy office.

Register Frank C. Ball, of Mahanoy City, recently elected to office but on the job long enough to impress the rank and file of his ability as a tireless and trustworthy official. Popular, not only in politics, but in every field of business and endeavor, and a former mercantile appraiser.

Coroner George H. Moore, of Schuylkill Haven, practicing physician of renown, and capable County Coroner, having served six years in that office, during which time he investigated several thousand deaths, without a reversal or record by the courts.

Sealer of Weights A. Bruce Clayton, of Ashland, who during the past six years secured honest weight and measurement for the citizens of the county, and eliminated graft in foodstuffs by destroying thousands of incorrect scales and false bottoms. Originator of sales by weight legislation.

Director of the Poor Charles H. Heine, of Girardville, serving the county in the management of its large institution for the indigent, and generally commended for solid business ability. Also engaged in underwear manufacturing.

Director of the Poor Fred Ahrensfield, of Pottsville, recalled to office last year, and almost unanimously elected because of his previous good record as a member of the board, of which he is now president.

Farm Agent Walter S. Bollinger, who has just begun to get acquainted with the farmers of the county as agricultural teacher in scientific and intense farming, in which science he recently established an enviable record at State College. A native of York County and destined to become a valuable and popular man in Schuylkill.

Mercantile Appraiser Edwin G. Hoover, of Pottsville, business man of long standing and unimpeachable reputation, and several times urged by the electors of the county-seat to higher office. Making friends among his business associates throughout the county, and bound to become a strong factor in county affairs.

Deputy Controller Charles T. Straughn, of Shenandoah, former Controller of the county and capable official, as well as newspaper man and publisher of the Shenandoah Herald.

County Surveyor Joseph W. Geary, of Pottsville, holds the only county elective office having no remuneration, but he is also consulting engineer to a number of boroughs and townships, and few improvements are undertaken without his advice.

Mine Inspector P. C. Fenton, of Mahanoy City, capable official, who has risen from the ranks, having learned practical mining before undertaking the work of safeguarding the lives of the men in his district.

Mine Inspector A. B. Lamb, of Shenandoah, recognized authority in practical mining, and successfully supervising the most dangerous district in the anthracite field, with an astonishingly low record of accidents.

Mine Inspector Evan G. Evans, of Coaldale, recently elected by the voters of the county because of his known ability to successfully safeguard the interests of those who toil in the large operations in his district. Since taking up his duties he has made a record his associates are proud of.

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Schuylkill's Institutions

OUR NEW INSANE HOSPITAL.

At a cost of approximately $650,000, Schuylkill County has erected a new and modern hospital for the treatment of insane patients at Schuylkill Haven. The new institution was the result of the county's determination to secure the benefit, financial as well as otherwise, to be derived from its own administration of funds necessary for the care of the insane patients. By erecting its own institution the county not only administered the expenditure of its own actual expense, but also that derived from the State appropriation as a part of the burden incident to the care of some 450 insane patients. These patients were formerly cared for in State institutions at the expense of the State and the county. Now, under the modern system, they are being cared for at the county's own fine, new institution, and the State appropriation is received by the county to aid in the work.

The new building is one of the most complete in the State, and should be given a close inspection by the visiting Commissioners. It accommodates, easily, nearly 500 patients, and in addition quarters for the force of supervisors are generous and handsomely appointed. The capacity of the institution is about 500, and since its erection it has been found amply sufficient and commodious to meet all demands made upon it.

Its administration is vested in a board of five trustees, appointed by the Schuylkill County Court, under the provisions of a special Act of Assembly, enacted for the purpose of placing the institution without the pale of political influences. The board consists of William H. Lewis and Thomas F. Kerns, of Pottsville, both retired; Dr. George Wilford, of Tamaqua, timber merchant and physician; George Fleuhr, of Ashland, merchant, and E. S. Silliman, of Mahanoy City, banker. These trustees serve without pay or expenses. The superintendent is Dr. George W. Bower, who received his education in the treatment of nervous disorders at the Norristown State Hospital, at which institution he served eight years before coming to Schuylkill.

Especially adapted for the purposes for which it was constructed, the institution stands almost upon the brow of a lofty terraced hill, giving the patients a fine view of the surrounding country, and affording sanitary and hygienic conditions which could be excelled at no point in the State. The grounds surrounding the new institution are finely laid out, graded and planted, and a sufficient plot, to the rear of the institution, is under option by the county as a recreation plot and garden truck patch, which has been urged by the officials of the institution as an aid to the treatment of patients whose greatest need is plenty of outdoor exercise.

Since the institution has been opened a remarkably large number of insane patients have been nursed back to health through the care of an efficient staff; and nothing but praise is to be found upon the part of the public for the excellent manner in which the institution is managed and conducted. In order to keep pace with the ever-increasing expenses of such institutions, the County Commissioners of this county have appropriated larger sums each year since the opening of the institution, but as consistently have the expenses been kept away below the appropriations, and at the end of the year amounts have remained to testify to the strict economy with which the finances of the institution were handled. In 1915, out of an appropriation of $90,013 only $73,701.68 was expended; while last year the appropriations of $95,856 were more than ample, as but $78,031.85 was expended during the year. Of this amount, $51,401.23 was covered by the receipts of the institution, the State appropriation for the year being $19,159.11

The general construction work in the installation of the various equipment at the institution was in the hands of the W. G. Cornell Company of New York; and the kitchen and special equipment was furnished by the Bernard Gloekler Co., of Pittsburgh. The shrubbery which beautifies the grounds of the institution was placed by the Berryhill Nursery Company of Harrisburg

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THE COUNTY PRISON.

Those who are unfortunate enough to run afoul of the law have no cause for complaint in Schuylkill County, provided, of course, their customary lives are enjoyed mostly without the walls of detention institutions. Prisoners who have experienced the vicissitudes of restraint in other counties tell the officials of our local institution that so far as rations and accommodations are concerned Schuylkill's prison is far ahead of many other similar institutions in the State. Prison discipline, however, rules, and no subject of the law's vindictive hand escapes the daily grind of prison routine. The rules of the institution must be rigidly obeyed, and, in addition, the prisoner must show either a desire to reform or be given to understand that repeated calls at the institution will be looked upon with disfavor by the officials.

In administering the institution the Commissioners have chosen George W. Morgan, a man who filled the position as clerk at this institution for eight years prior to taking up the reins of government as warden of the institution. Warden Morgan was chosen for the post several years ago; and, in instituting many reforms and phases of social betterment at the institution, has maintained the respect and high esteem of his superiors as well as his wards in a remarkable degree. In fact, he has been acclaimed, as have the members of his staff, as painstaking and efficient officials, who are ever awake to the development of the good in the worst of men, and judicious elimination of the worst traits in the mental and physical makeup of some otherwise good fellows.

The prison cost the county in 1916 just $31,193.25, or $3,099.91 less than was appropriated, not a single appropriation being overdrawn during the year.

OUR COUNTY ALMSHOUSE.

The home for employment of indigent persons maintained by Schuylkill County is located at Schuylkill Haven, just a short distance from the main highway between Schuylkill Haven and Orwigsburg. The many buildings comprising the institution include a modern administration building, several infirmaries, a commodious hospital, and storehouses, stables, etc., sufficient to accommodate the needs of a much larger institution. Nearly 500 indigent persons have been housed at the buildings and treated in the hospital, which is up-to-date in every particular, but the increasing population of the county, a large part of which is alien in character, has placed an unusually heavy burden upon the institutions, and, as a result, the board of supervisors and their capable assistants have been taxed to find accommodations for them; and a large additional building, to supplant the old stone house, is about to be built, the plans having been prepared pending a possible reduction in the cost of materials and the scarcity of labor, as the natural result of the war.

But, as badly as additional room is needed, the Board of Directors of the Poor, Messrs. Charles Heine, of Girardville; M. H. Brennan, of West Mahanoy Township, and Fred Ahrensfield, of Pottsville, the latter being Chairman of the Board, have at all times found means to look after the indigent, both in the institution and without. So well have they devoted their energies to the work that as the result of the intensive system of farming in vogue at the institution last fall, an immense surplus stock of produce remained after all the wants of the inmates had been met. This spring saw over 1,000 bushels of potatoes in the reserve bins, together with a stock of turnips, parsnips, wheat, corn, barley, together with double the number of swine, cattle and poultry than prevailed two years ago. The wave of food salvage which has followed in the wake of the war in no wise depleted the daily rations of Schuylkill's wards; and the fact that the county's poor were enjoying, and are still enjoying, sauerkraut several times a week, with fresh pork, all the contents of the institution's larder, and a luxury which the rich of many sections are without, has caused much commendation for the system of administration at this institution.

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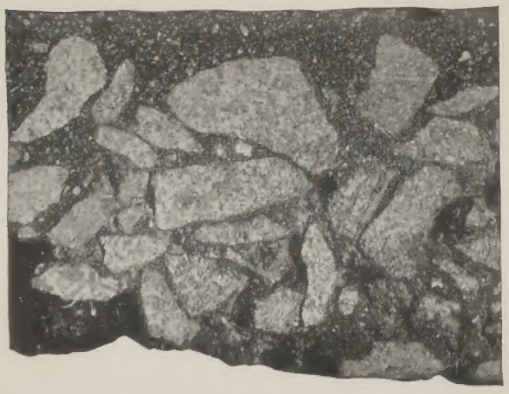

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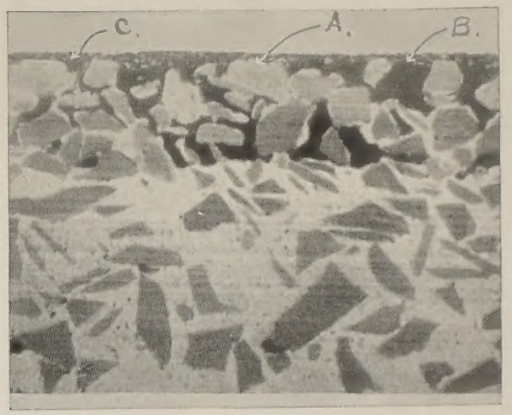

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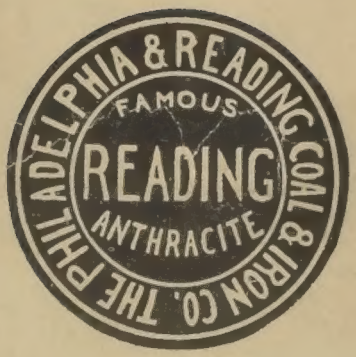
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